



Cosmopolis 2045

Call for book, film, and Ted Talk reviews for the Cosmopolis Lyceum and Book Club

Cosmopolis 2045 is the name of a website under development that encapsulates the activities, social institutions and organizations of a fictional community thirty years into the future. At the heart of this imagined future (circa 2045) is a very strong belief that how we communicate with one another is “fateful” (i.e., has consequences for what happens next, opens up new possibilities while simultaneously closing off other possibilities). In other words, we “make” both the present and the future of our social worlds together, one conversation at a time and the way which we communicate with each other matter as much, if not more, than the content of what we happen to say.

The website is being developed as a collaborative thought-experiment about forms of social interaction and the institutions that we make together. One of the sites currently under construction is the Cosmopolis Lyceum and Book Club, which is envisioned as one of the major influences on the direction of development in the early years of the city of Cosmopolis. The Lyceum and Book Club will have been meeting monthly between April 2005 and the current day in 2045.

The Lyceum site includes brief one-page reviews of the book, film, Ted Talk, or in-person presentation given once each month. The founders of the Lyceum began with the premise that those in attendance would implement at least one idea from each session in order to make Cosmopolis a better place to live, work, and play. We currently have 25 months of reviews (see attached list), but have at least 70+ months yet to be completed to get to present-day 2014.

Invitation

We invite contributors to identify relevant works and write brief reviews for use on the Lyceum and Book Club site. The work can speak to many CMMish themes such as:

- Personal and social evolution
- Making better social worlds
- Big M and little m mystery
- Developing cosmopolitan forms of communication

If you are interested please talk to:

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Cosmopolis Lyceum and Book Club Monthly Reviews

2005

- March Barnett Pearce, *Making Better Social Worlds*
- April Robert Kegan, *In Over Our Heads (1994)*
- May Robert Putnam, *Bowling Alone (2000)*
- June Christopher Phillips, *Socrates Café (2001)*
- July Paul Woodruff, *Reverence: Renewing a Forgotten Virtue (2001)*
- August Stephen Young, *Moral Capitalism (2003)*
- Sept–Dec [4 months available](#)

2006 – 2008 [3 years available](#)

2009

- Jan—Sept [9 months available](#)
- October Jeffrey Saks, *The End of Poverty (2006)*
- November Edward O. Wilson, *The Future of Life*
- December Daniel Seigel, *Mindsight*

2010

- January Duany & Plater-Zyberk, *Designing Sociable Communities*
- February UNESCO's Delores Report, *The Four Pillars of Education*
- March-Dec [9 months available](#)

2011

- January Marvin Brown, *Civilizing the Economy*
- February Stephen Hall, *Wisdom: From Philosophy to Neuroscience (2010)*
- March Leonard Cohen concert, *Democracy is Coming to the USA*
- April–Oct [7 months available](#)
- November Christopher Phillips, *Constitution Café (2011)*
- December Ross Carne, *The Leaderless Revolution*

2012

- January Brene Brown, TED Talk, *The Power of Vulnerability (2011)*
- February Eric Lui & Nic Hanauer, *The Gardens of Democracy*
- March-Dec [9 months available](#)

2013

- January Joseph Stiglitz, *The Price of Inequality (2012)*
- Feb-May [4 months available](#)
- June John Parrish-Sprowl, *Communication Complex: Our Gift to the 21st Century*
- July-Dec [6 months available](#)

2014 [available](#)